

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, one of the City's top priorities is to be a family friendly city;
and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to ensuring that its policies and decisions support and enhance the quality of life for Austin's family and children;
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WHEREAS, several City of Austin departments have embarked on efforts to inventory and assess the existing programs serving youth in this community; and

WHEREAS, recent budgetary constraints have impacted programming available for youth and families, and leveraging funds and resources will help ensure the highest quality experiences for youth in our community; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit groups such as the United Way are also assessing existing programmatic resources for youth, identifying unmet needs, and developing long-range plans for meeting those needs; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that the City plan in collaboration with other organizations and community partners to identify core youth and family programming priorities, to determine what programming exists across the community, to examine community needs, to identify any programmatic gaps, as

well as to develop programming and funding for initiatives related to youth and families; and

WHEREAS, many indicators exist to assess the health, success, and community connectedness of young people (e.g., Success by 6, Ready by 21, and 40 Developmental Assets); and

WHEREAS, collaboration with Austin-based institutions of higher education may enhance the City's application of such indicators; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to support the City Council in hosting a Youth Summit, the purpose of which is to provide an opportunity for City partners, educators, and nonprofit organizations to participate in collaborative planning and prioritization regarding programming available to youth and families.

ADOPTED: _____, 2012

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk